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FINALISTS NAMED IN SEARCH FOR SCAG'S NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES – A national recruiting effort is nearing completion for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) search for a new Executive Director to replace retiring Mark Pisano. Pisano will leave the organization at the end of this month after 31 years of service. Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director, will serve as Interim Executive Director until the newly selected agency administrator is confirmed by the Regional Council in January.

National outreach on this position resulted in a diverse pool of candidates from across the country with qualifications of the top 12 individuals reviewed by the Executive Search Committee during November. A total of six candidates were invited to interview with the Executive Search Committee in early December, and the field of candidates under consideration has now been narrowed to two individuals – **Hasan Ikhata**, Director of Planning and Policy for SCAG and **Mark Gibb**, Executive Director of Northern Virginia Regional Commission in Fairfax, Virginia.

The Executive Search Committee will now solicit input from the Regional Council, a body of 76 members representing agencies throughout Southern California. The Executive Search Committee is scheduled to meet later this week to determine next steps in the process.

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 187 cities and more than seventeen million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable, sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG's regional efforts, go to the SCAG Web site at www.scag.ca.gov.

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